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INDUSTRY STUDY, MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING

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1. INTERESTED AGENCIES CONVINCED THAT AUTO INDUSTRY
STUDY BY OECD AS PROPOSED REFTEL A NOT APPROPRIATE AT
THIS TIME. US AUTO INDUSTRY PRESENTLY IN VERY FLUID
STATE DUE TO NEW AND CHANGING GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS
AND MARKET UNCERTAINTY (E.G. CHANGING PATTERNS OF RESOURCE
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ALLOCATION AND CONSUMER TASTES). WE ARE PLANNING REVIEW

WITH CANADIANS IMPLICATIONS OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS FOR NORTH AMERICAN AUTO INDUSTRY WITH HOPE OF OBTAINING A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS HAPPENING. AT FUTURE DATE, ONCE SUCH A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OBTAINED, WE WILLING CONSIDER STUDY ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY AUSTRALIANS.

2. WE SEE NO ISSUES TO JUSTIFY INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING AT MINISTERIAL NOW OR IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE (REFTEL B).

3. MISSION SHOULD SO INFORM SECRETARIAT, AND AUSTRALIANS AN OTHER PERM DELS AS APPROPRIATE, NOTING THAT IF RAISED IN INDUSTRY COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK WE WILL OPPOSE BOTH PROPOSALS. WE HOPE TO AVOID OUTRIGHT VETO SO IN YOUR ADVANCE EXPLANATIONS OF OUR POSITION YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT OPPOSITION IS NOT TO AUTO STUDY PER SE, ONLY THAT TIMING IS CLEARLY WRONG. YOU SHOULD ALSO COORDINATE YOQR APPROACH WITH CANADIANS. KISSINGER

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